

REMARKS

Claims 3, 4, 11 and 12 have only been rejected based on double patenting. Base claims 1, 5 and 8 have been amended to incorporate claims 3, 11 and 12, respectively, and a Terminal Disclaimer is being filed to overcome the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, all claims should now be allowable.

This Amendment is only made to expedite issuance of the allowed claims without prejudice to the original claims. Applicant reserves the right to file the original claims in a continuation application.

The Examiner's attention is directed to a parallel continuation application 10/719,145 that similarly claims priority to 08/996,567. Examiner Swarthout has allowed the parallel case and an issue fee is being paid. A Terminal Disclaimer to parent applications has also been filed in that case.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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